

REMARKS

Applicants have amended the claims in order to reduce the initial filing fee by deleting the multiple dependent claims from the application. Some of this subject matter has been reintroduced as dependent claims 10-20. Applicants retain the right to reintroduce any subject matter canceled by the present Amendment at any time during the prosecution of this application or any further application claiming benefit of this application.

Applicants have amended the application to substitute the originally filed page 8 with the amended claim set page 1 attached to the International Preliminary Examiner Report (Annexes) and included in the application as filed herewith. Also, an Abstract of the Disclosure has been added to the application.

Applicants are submitting herewith a copy of the International Search Report which issued on International Application No. PCT/SE00/01767, of which the present application is the U.S. national phase which was published in English. All of the publications cited in the International Search Report are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. It is Applicants' understanding that, under the procedures of the PCT, copies of the cited publications will have been supplied to the U.S. Patent Office by the International Bureau. However, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney if additional copies are necessary or would facilitate examination of the present application.


Otherwise, the Examiner is respectfully requested to return an initialed and dated copy of the attached Form PTO-1449 to confirm that all publications listed thereon have been considered and made officially of record in the file of this application.

Applicants understand that, under the procedures of the PCT, a copy of the priority document (SE 9903336-7, filed 17 September 1999) will have been supplied to

the U.S. Patent Office pursuant to Rule 17 of the PCT Regulations. It is therefore respectfully requested that the first Official Action in the present application contain an indication that the appropriate priority document is in the file of this application.

In view of the above amendments, an early action on the application is now in order and is most respectfully requested.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 3 and 5-6 with the following amended claims.

3(Amended). Transgenic oilseed plant cell according to claim 1 [or 2], wherein the promoter is a napin promoter, the peptide with enzyme activity necessary for keto group containing xanthophyll production and esterification is selected from the group consisting of peptides with, 1-D-deoxyxylulose 5-phosphate synthase, isopentenyl pyrophosphate:dimethylallyl pyrophosphate isomerase, geranylgeranyl pyrophosphate synthase, phytoene synthase, phytoene desaturase, zeta-carotene desaturase, lycopene beta-cyclase, β -carotene hydroxylase, and acyl transferase activity.

5(Amended). Transgenic oilseed plant cell according to [any one of claims 1 - 5] claim 1, wherein the oilseed plant is selected from the group consisting of rape, sunflower, soybean and mustard.

6(Amended). Transgenic oilseed plant cell according to [any one of claims 1 - 5] claim 1, wherein the cell expresses xanthophyll.